Using the EBSCO Points of View Database

1. Identify your topic

2. Go to Pioneer Library (pioneer.uen.org) and log-in:
   - Username: pioneer
   - Password: explore

3. Go to the EBSCO Points of View database
   - Click on Advanced Search, limit your results to full text, and determine search modes and publication dates wanted
   - Return to the home page and browse the categories in the database
   - Type the topic you choose in the search bar
   - Read parts of the OverView article

   - Do you want to broaden or narrow your research question based on what you read? Why or why not?

4. Look at the **Subjects** listed at the top of the page. What other subjects might narrow or refine the focus of your search?

5. Open one "Point" article.

   - Look through the article.
   - List one piece of evidence you could use for an argument on this topic, pro or con.

6. Open one "Counterpoint" article

   - Look through the article.
   - List one piece of evidence you could use for an argument on this topic, pro or con.

7. Go back to the Overview page and click on the left Related Information menu. Write down the name of an article you could use in each of the following formats:

   - Newspaper articles

   - Primary Source documents

- Radio and TV News Transcripts

8. Explore other features of the database by doing the following:

- **Email** an article to yourself:
  ****THIS WILL NOT WORK WITH YOUR GOOGLE DOCS E-MAIL ACCOUNT
  - Locate the Tools menu on the right-hand side of your screen.
  - Click on email
  - Fill out the form that will come up using your current email address.
  - Choose the citation format you are required to use (MLA in most cases).
  - Click on Send.

- **Share** an article with others in your group or class:
  - Locate the tools menu on the right-hand side of the screen.
  - Click on the share icon.
  - Click on the social media icon that you prefer and share with your group.

- **Cite** an article you want to use:
  - Locate the Tools menu on the right-hand side of your screen.
  - Click on the icon labeled cite.
  - Find the format you are required to use.
  - Copy and paste the information onto your bibliography page.

9. After you have found some information, evaluate what you find for **usefulness** and **relevance**

10. **Evaluate** what you find for **credibility** and **reliability** by examining:
    - Publication date--try to find newest, most up-to-date articles
    - Author, authority--look at the author's biography and qualifications
    - Organization publishing the article—scholarly journal, newspaper, website, popular magazine, etc.

11. Determine if you will be able to cover all the important points of your topic with the research you have found. If you need more information, continue researching or try another database such as Gale Reference Collection's *Opposing Viewpoints in Context*.